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1. Young men between the ages of 18 and 29 are being recruited from all parts of North Korea and sent to Manchuria to join the Northeast Korean People's Liberation Army (NEKPLA), formerly known as the Korean Volunteer Army. The number of these recruits for the NEKPLA is increasing steadily in Hoeryong (Kainei) (129-45, 42-25) near the Manchurian border.
2. In order to secure troops for the Northeast Korean People's Liberation Army, the North Korean authorities often recruit young men by force for work in labor units. These recruits believe that they will do reconstruction work in North Korea and do not learn that they are part of the NEKPLA until they arrive in Manchuria, where they receive their weapons.
3. Paper flags of the NEKPLA are being sold on the street of Hoeryong by peddlers of drugs and candy. On the back of the flag are the following slogans to induce young men to join the NEKPLA:
 - a. Help establish equality of rights.
 - b. Help make the revolution successful.
 - c. Help crush capitalism! This is the only way to save our country!

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